

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, March 21, 1997

Present: G. Valaskakis, Chair; M. Yates; J. Abcarius; J. Appleby; F. Belair; P. Bird; J. Bottenburg; V. Bowker; V. Bridger; P. Bright; J. Byrnes; J. Capobianco; M. Clarke; C. Draimin; N. Eddy; J. Fiset; D. Frost; J. Grad; I. Irvine; S. Jafferli; J. Jans; K. Kaillo; R. Kilgour; L. Lequin; N. MacLean; P. Thornton; R. Perigoe; M. Pruska-Carroll; I. Robinson; R. Schmid; D. Sheps; H. Shulman; M. Singer; M. Taylor; P. Théberge; C. Vallejo; M. West; J. Woodsworth

Regrets: D. Howes; D. Markiewicz; E. Raudsepp; S. Ruby

Absent: A. Blackduck; K. Bolh; W. Bukowski; W. Byers; L. Géfin; M. Gomez; K. Janna; J. Lightstone; F. Lowy; M. Malik; M. Mohamed; M. Newman; C. Parr; S. Richter; D. Salée; V. Serruya; A. Sharma; R. Swedburg

Guests: E. Besso; S. Black; G. Fidler for L. Géfin; H. Habib; A.M. Laurin; F. Shaver for D. Howes; J. Stewart

Documents considered or distributed at the meeting:

- ▶ ASFC 97-2M-A: Acting on Declared Inventions at Concordia
- ▶ ASFC 97-2M-B: Proposal concerning Research Centres at Concordia University
- ▶ ASFC 97-2M-C: Curriculum Changes for 1998-99 U/G Calendar
- ▶ ASFC 97-2M-D: Draft Code of Conduct
- ▶ ASFC 97-2M-E: Call for nominations to the Council of the School of Graduate Studies

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Chair requested an additional item under Other Business; a call for nominations to the Council of the School of Graduate Studies. The agenda was accepted as corrected.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of February 6, 1997

Prof. Sheps asked that the penultimate sentence under item 10 on page 4 be struck out.

ASFC 97-2M-1 It was moved and seconded (Schmid/Taylor) that the minutes be approved as amended. Carried.

4. Remarks from the Chair

- The Dean announced the appointment by the Board of Governors of a new Dean Elect of the Faculty of Arts and Science: Dr. Martin Singer. In extending congratulations, the Dean offered him her support.
- Further, because of this change, academic planning discussions has been temporarily suspended. The Dean invited the Dean Elect, Dr. Singer to elaborate. He commented that at the last meeting of Priorities and Planning Committee, it was agreed to suspend planning for several weeks. In April, he would have individual meetings with each department chair. He declared his intention to write a replacement for the Arts and Science section of the Lightstone Document; a preliminary report would be presented at the Council meeting of May 16th, and at the subsequent Senate meeting.

5. Questions and Announcements

In response to a question on content of the impending replacement document, Dr. Singer stressed that much would depend on his discussions with Chairs.

6. Reports from Other University Bodies

- ▶ Prof. Sheps reported that at the SCAPP meeting of February 20th, there was discussion of the body known as CUP (Commission des universités sur les programmes). Sectors of universities are being summoned to meet for discussion on complementarity of courses etc. with counterparts in other universities without the knowledge or authority of the university administration.
- ▶ Dr. Woodsworth added that it had also been decided that List 2 in the Lightstone Document, *Our Immediate Future* was to be removed.
- ▶ Further to point one, Dr. Robinson stressed the importance of this committee and reported that Engineering, Religion, Theology and Communication Studies had been summoned by CUP. He stated that Dr. Habib was Concordia's representative on that committee which would be examining every programme over a three-year period.
- ▶ J. Appleby gave an update on the Library. The databases have now been loaded. The CD Rom network will be set up this fall; and would be easily accessible. *Power Pages*, a co-operative project with CREPUQ would be implemented in the near future. *CLUES* would be updated with a facility to place *Holds* and *Renewals*.
- ▶ Dr. Bird reported on the Senate Research Committee meeting. CASA funding, dispensed at the discretion of the Rector, might be discontinued. A motion was passed supporting the continuation of these funds. There was discussion on the allocation of \$80,000, (from the Faculty Research Development Program) for the support of Research Centres.
- ▶ Dr. Habib reported briefly on four meetings of the Board of Governors; December, January, February and March.

An advisory search committee was set up for the Director of University libraries. Reports of the Provost, (*Following a Course Forward* and *Our Immediate Future*) were discussed. There was discussion of the Gazette article regarding morale in the institution; Board members expressed concern at factual errors and misrepresentations in the report. The Administration was prepared to listen to criticism but would stay on course.

Also discussed was the deanship of the Faculty. The current dean's contributions to Concordia were acknowledged.

The nominating committee for new outside members of the Board to be appointed by June 1997 were now receiving nominations. Suggestions should be sent to chairman of that committee, Mr. McNaughton.

There was discussion about real estate and the new buildings that the university would acquire. Agreement has been reached to purchase three buildings in the downtown area, subject to government funding.

Collection of residential lab fees from students of the Master's in Applied Social Science was approved, as well as student contributions to the Capital Campaign. Target set at \$40 million. (This figure was queried by F. Shaver who thought that the target was \$55 million.)

In answer to a query on the intentions of CUP, the CREPUQ committee, Dr. Habib stated that there were eighteen members on the committee and that there had been two meetings. Work was executed by a sous-commission, under the direction of two members of CUP. Engineering, Music, Religion and Theology have already been reported on. Once recommendations were made, CUP has the power to implement them. There was no significance in the order of departments summoned.

The approval of the establishment of a University Research Award previously passed by Senate was approved. The CUFA letter of censure against the Chairman of the Board was alluded to.

7. Honorary Degree Nominees

**ASFC 97-2M-2 It was moved and seconded (Singer/Sheps) that two nominees, be recommended by Council as candidates for Honorary degrees.
Carried.**

**ASFC 97-2M-3 It was moved and seconded (Eddy/Kailo) that the nominee to share a joint honour at the Spring 1997 Convocation be approved for the award of Honorary degree.
Carried. In favour 24; opposed 7; abstentions 6.**

8. Undergraduate Curriculum Changes; ASFC 97-2M-C:

The changes were presented by Dr. Woodsworth. (These changes were the first of a set of three.)

**ASFC 97-2M-4 It was moved and seconded (Woodsworth/Kilgour) that the document ASFC 97-2M-C be approved by Faculty Council.
Carried unanimously.**

9. Code of Conduct Academic; ASFC 97-2M-D:

Dr. Jans presented the topic and explained that he had been asked to chair a task force, the mandate of which was to revise the code, which required updating as some definitions and sanctions were now neither adequate nor appropriate. The Task Force consisted of Bram Freedman, Legal Counsel, Ann Kerby, Advocacy and Support Services, Lynn Prendergast, Registrar, Suzanne Belson, Ombudsperson, Martin Anderson, student, and Dr. Jans. A brief discussion followed. No resolution was required.

10. Acting on Declared Inventions at Concordia, ASFC 97-2M-A:

Dr. Erica Besso, Director of Research Services, presented the topic. She described the existing guidelines and the process which had been followed traditionally at Concordia. She noted that in June 1996 a proposal to develop Concordia intellectual property (IP) more effectively was approved by Concordia's Board of Governors. Univenture Inc. came into existence. Univenture is an independent, for-profit company, whose creation was stimulated by Concordia for the purpose of improving technology transfer of intellectual property developed by members of Concordia University. Univenture acts synergistically with Martinex Inc. a technology transfer company associated with McGill University.

In parallel with the establishment of Univenture Inc., the drafting of a Concordia Intellectual Property Policy was initiated in 1996. It was clarified that the term "intellectual property" encompassed patentable or patented IP, copyrightable or copyright-protected IP, as well as trade secrets. The document has not been finalized at this time. Dr. Besso concluded with the mention that the first spin-off company based on intellectual property developed at Concordia is currently being set up, via the process just described.

11. Research Centres - Policies and Procedures; ASFC 97-2M-B:

It was explained that this document was produced by a sub-committee composed of P. Fazio, D. Taddeo, D. Gold and G. Valaskakis. The document went to Senate, and was returned to Faculty Councils for discussion. The Dean moved Council into a Committee-of-the-Whole for a period of thirty minutes of discussion.

**ASFC 97-2M-5 It was moved and seconded (Taylor/Capobianco) that Council support the proposal concerning *Research Centres at Concordia University- Policies and Procedures*
ASFC 97-2M-B
Carried. In favour 21; opposed 1; abstentions 8.**

12. Spring 1997 Convocation Non-academic Medals and Awards

The Chair announced that nominations were being sought for the Concordia Medal, Malone Medal, O'Brien Medal, Stanley G. French Medal and the first Graduating Class Award.

13. Other Business

Nominations were also requested for the Council of the School of Graduate Studies - there was a need for three people from the Arts and Science Council to sit on Graduate Studies until the end of the term, as well as for longer terms. Nominations should be sent c/o Steering Committee of Council before April 8th.

14. Notices of Motion

There were none.

15. Next Meeting

Friday, April 18th, 1997, at 2:00 p.m.

16. Adjournment

ASFC-97-2M-6 It was moved and seconded (Schmid/Jans) that the meeting adjourn at 4:43 p.m.
